from the Market at Nagpur and Akola after completion of all formalities. In this transaction NCCF is reported to have earned a considerable amount as net profit. In view of the above, the question of taking disciplinary action against Shri K. G. Kulkarni, Regional Manager does not arise.

Long term plan for rainfed dry-land areas

2171. SHRI PRITHIBI SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any long term plan has been formulated to tackle the problems of agriculture in the rainfed dryland areas in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Government have been pursuing appropriate research and development strategies to tackle the problems of agriculture in rainfed/dryland areas so as to promote integrated development on Watershed basis. While research support is being provided on a continuing basis, the development strategy focusses attention on land imprvement and rain-water management with emphasis on adoption of affordable and replicable technologies and *in situ* moisture conservation techniques as well as introduction of improved crop production systems and alternate land use systems like afforestation dryland horticulture and pasture development based on proper analysis of land capability and rainfall pattern. This approach is operationalised through various Central and State sector programmes.

Labour Courts/Tribunals in the country

2172. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether various Labour Courts/ labour tribunals in the country are not functioning according to the expectations of the workers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 envisages setting up of Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts in the Central Sphere as well as in the State Sphere. In so far as the Central Government is concerned, 11 Central Government Industrial Tribunals (CGIT)-cum-Labour Courts have been set up in various parts of the country to deal with the industrial disputes and applications in the Central Sphere. In States where there are no Central Government Industrial Tribunals (CGITs) these disputes are referred to State Industrial Tribunals. In so far as the disputes and applications in the State sphere are concerned, Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts have been set up by various State Governments and Union Territories to settle them. The disposal of the disputes and applications by the Labour Courts and Tribunals is sometimes delayed on account of :

(i) Stay order granted by various High Courts.

(ii) Delay in filling of the vacancies of the Presiding Officers due to non-availability of Judicial Officers.

(iii) Lack of education amongst workers in understanding the procedure resulting in delay in fielding proper statements and documents before these Courts/Tribunals.

(iv) Adjournment sought by parties to dispute.

(v) Backlog of cases.

The Ministry of Labour has prescribed certain norms for disposal of applications and industrial disputes by the Central Government Industrial Tribunals-cum-

Labour Courts. It also reviews their functioning from time to time. The State Labour Departments also hold similar reviews periodically.

Number of incidents of Atrocities on SC/ST

2173. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the total number of incidents of atrocities on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, involving murder and rape separately; State-wise during 1987 and 1988 (upto December)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : Information is given in the two statements (Statement-I for Scheduled Castes and Statement-II for Scheduled Tribes) enclosed. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure Nos. 129 and 130].

Supply of Sugar and rice to Karnataka

2174. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have supplied sugar and rice to the Karnataka Government since the imposition of President's Rule in that State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that due to break down of distribution system the citizens were not able to receive their supplies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) Since the imposition of President's rule in Karnataka, sugar nad rice have been supplied to the State at the rate of 17769 tonnes and 40000 tonnes per month, respectively.

(c) No information about the break down of the distribution system in the State has been received by the Government.

More power to landlords under the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1988

2175. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Rent Control (Amendment) Act, 1988, which is in force, has given more powers to the landlords;

(b) whether it is a fact that the courts are getting flooded with the eviction cases; and

(c) in what manner Government are going to solve the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Delhi Rent Control (Amendment) Act, 1988 has given a few more rights to the landlords.

(b) There has been slight increase in institution of cases after the Amendment Act, 1988 came into force. It is not certain whether this is indicative of a firm trend.

(c) Delhi Administration has already been advised to consider the appointment of more Rent Controllers.

Allotment of land to group housing societies promoted by MPs

2176. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Co-operative Group Housing Societies promoted by Members of Parliament registered with the Delhi Administration for allotment of land by DDA;

(b) the names of the Societies which have been offered land for the purpos by DDA and where; and

(c) whether physical possession of land has been given to the Society by Delhi Development Authority; if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP-